

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
WESTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOVELL L. SWOPES

[DOB: 04/26/1978],

Defendant.

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNT ONE:**

***Distribution of Marihuana***

21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(D)

NMT: 5 Years Imprisonment

NMT: \$250,000 Fine

NLT: 2 Years Supervised Release

Class C Felony

**COUNT TWO:**

***Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of  
Drug Trafficking***

18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)

NLT: 5 Years Imprisonment (consecutive)

NMT: Life Imprisonment (consecutive)

NMT: \$250,000 Fine

NMT: 5 Years Supervised Release

Class A Felony

**COUNT THREE:**

***Felon in Possession of a Firearm***

18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2)

NMT: 10 Years Imprisonment

NMT: \$250,000 Fine

NMT: 3 Years Supervised Release

\$100 Mandatory Special Assessment

Class C Felony

\$100 Mandatory Special Assessment per  
count of felony conviction

**INDICTMENT**

**THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:**

**COUNT ONE**

On or about July 31, 2019, within the Western District of Missouri, the defendant Jovell L. Swopes, did knowingly and intentionally distribute two (2) grams and more of a mixture or

substance containing a detectable amount of Marihuana, a Schedule I controlled substance. All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(D).

**COUNT TWO**

On or about July 31, 2019, in the Western District of Missouri, defendant, Jovelle L. Swopes, did knowingly possess a firearm, to wit: a Glock 27 .40 Caliber pistol, bearing Serial Number CHC916, in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, distribution of Marihuana, a Schedule I controlled substance, as charged in Count One. All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A).

**COUNT THREE**

On or about July 31, 2019, in the Western District of Missouri, the defendant, Jovell L. Swopes, knowing he had previously been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly possessed a firearm, to wit: a Glock 27 .40 Caliber pistol, bearing Serial Number CHC916, and the firearm was in and affecting commerce. All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2).

A TRUE BILL.

/s/ Pamela Carter-Smith  
FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY

Dated: 10/22/19  
Kansas City, Missouri

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